

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 14 and 16 to read as follows, and cancel Claims 12, 13 and 18-20 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

1- 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Withdrawn) The liquid crystal composition according to Claim ~~12~~ 16, wherein said discotic liquid crystal comprises a polymeric discotic liquid crystal formed by polymerization of a polymerizable discotic liquid crystal compound.

15. (Withdrawn) The liquid crystal composition according to Claim 14, wherein said polymeric discotic liquid crystal has been formed by photopolymerization of the polymerizable discotic liquid crystal compound.

16. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device, including a liquid crystal layer comprising a discotic liquid crystal and a rod-shaped liquid crystal ~~disposed in mutually separate phases~~, wherein the discotic liquid crystal is in a nematic discotic phase and is placed in an edge-on and uniaxial alignment state,

the rod-shaped liquid crystal has an in-plane switching characteristic,

the discotic liquid crystal and the rod-shaped liquid crystal are disposed in mutually separate phases, and

the liquid crystal layer can be placed in an alignment state where the discotic liquid crystal and the rod-shaped liquid crystal are aligned to have alignment directors which are directed in an identical direction.

17. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 16, wherein the liquid crystal layer is disposed on at least one substrate subjected to an aligning treatment.

18-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Withdrawn) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 16, wherein the liquid crystal layer is placed in an alignment state where the discotic liquid crystal and the rod-shaped liquid crystal are aligned to have alignment directors which are perpendicular to each other.

22. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 16, wherein either one of the discotic liquid crystal and the rod-shaped liquid crystal is a polymeric liquid crystal.

23. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 16, which is a reflection-type device emitting light reflected therefrom as a display signal.

24. (Withdrawn) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 22, further including a light-absorbing plate behind the device.

25. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 22, further including a reflection plate behind the device.

26. (Withdrawn) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 16, which is a projection-type device emitting light therefrom to be projected onto a screen.

27. (Original) A liquid crystal apparatus comprising:
a liquid crystal device according to Claim 16, and
drive means for driving the liquid crystal device.